

III. Conclusion

Claims 1-38, the claims remaining in the application, are believed to define allowable subject matter. An early and favorable examination is earnestly solicited. If there are any remaining issues, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0219 the fee of \$165.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims. No extensions of time are believed to be required for this paper to be timely filed. However, in the event that such an extension of time is required, please also consider this paper as a petition for an extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 for any extensions of time necessary for this paper to be timely filed, and please charge the fee required for any such extensions of time to Deposit Account No. 08-0219. No other fees are believed to be due in connection with this paper. However, please charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, that may be due in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

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